LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: Multi-Purpose Lighters

DATE OF MEETING: July 13, 1998

PERSON SUBMITTING LOG: Barbara J. Jacobson

LOCATION: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Barbara Jacobson and Linda Smith, EH Steve Lemberg, GC Warren Prunella and Robert Franklin, EC Caroleene Paul and Carolyn Meiers, ES Michael Bogumill, CRC

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Mark Cox, Norman Edem McNaughton & Wallace Bruce Kehoe, Wilson Kehoe & Winingham William J. Hansen and Tom McFarland, McDermott & Hansen David H. Baker, Lighter Association, Inc.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Cox opened by stating that he requested the meeting so that they could get updated on the rulemaking proceeding and meet the staff working on the project.

We reviewed the steps and possible timing of the rulemaking process and told the attendees that the next step would be a decision by the Commission on whether or not to publish a proposed standard for public comment.

We reported that the members of ASTM Subcommittee F15.02 (Safety Specifications for Cigarette Lighters) voted to support the Commissions' action to develop a mandatory standard at their April 16, 1998 meeting. We reported that they also voted to form a Technical Task Group to provide input on provisions of a standard and to review the feasibility of formulating a new (voluntary) general safety standard for utility lighters. The voluntary standard would address issues other than child-resistance.

Mr. Bruce Kehoe provided the CPSC staff with reports about 16 fires started by children with multi-purpose lighters. The same information, dated July 10, 1998, was submitted to the Office of the Secretary as a comment in response to the ANPR for Multi-Purpose Lighters.

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